



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: WALLIMANN et al.

Confirmation No.: 4809

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Examiner: Wang

For: METHODS OF TREATING BONE
OR CARTILAGE CONDITIONS BY
THE ADMINISTRATION OF
CREATINE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2002, please amend the above identified application as set forth below. Pursuant to the Extension of Time filed herewith, the time for responding extends to December 18, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up copy of the claims showing additions and deletions are set forth in Appendix A.

22. A method of promoting growth and mineralization of bone or cartilage cells and tissues which comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of an agent comprising creatine pyruvate or an analogue thereof, to promote growth and mineralization of bone or cartilage therein.

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